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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 3, 2019



Today's Gospel is one of tension and contradiction. We enter the scene at the local synagogue. It is near the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, and he has returned home to Nazareth for a short while. There, in the midst of the men who watched him grow up and who played with him as a boy in the dusty streets, Jesus proclaims that he is the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies of Isaiah. The response is understandably mixed. "All spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, 'Isn't this the son of Joseph?'"

Jesus reminds them - none too gently - of the Israelites' rejection of the prophets throughout history. Not only did the people ignore Elijah and Elisha, but they worked miracles among the pagans instead. Then comes the rage. "They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong."

No one likes to be reminded of their own faults. In the deeply religious Jewish society, nobody wanted to be the unfaithful one. Jesus exposes the sins of the community, and it drives them not to conversion, but to rage. We can consider our own time. How often, when someone is contracted, do they quickly resort to anger, name-calling, and undermining the reputation of the other? How quickly we want to destroy! This Sunday, we ought to consider our own lives. Do we listen to the prophetic voices around us, even when they threaten to upturn our expectations? If we hear something difficult, something that reminds us of our own sin, do we accept the opportunity to prayerfully ponder? If we allow ourselves to be open to the prophetic voices in our own lives, we'll notice that God speaks through the unexpected, if we have ears to hear it.

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## WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

## WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at a Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday 3:15 p.m. — 3:45 p.m.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-748-4560) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

## VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-748-4560.

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**FEBRUARY 2 — 3, 2019**  
**USHERS GROUP III**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for the repose of the soul of  
Mae Mancino  
 request of Lynn Mancino

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass*

**8:40 A.M.** **YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL** *in the church*

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for the repose of the soul of  
John Snuffer  
 request of Lee Snuffer

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass*

**5:30 P.M.** **EVENING PRAYER**  
**FROM THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church — Mass in the Sacristy

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church — Mass in the Sacristy

**7:15 P.M.** **CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
*New members are most welcome*

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church — Mass in the Sacristy

**9:00 A.M.** **CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP** *in Parish Center*

**7:00 P.M.** **ST. MAURICE BIBLE STUDY** *in Parish Center*

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8 — NO MASS****SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

**3:30 P.M.** **ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS**

**FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**

**THE 2019 BIBLE SERIES** taught by Fr. Leon continues with the **BOOK OF EXODUS**, starting on **Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Center. Please begin by reading beforehand. GOD seeks to free his people from both the slavery of Pharaoh and the slavery of sin. Authentic freedom. Why does God call himself, "I AM"? The importance of the Sabbath. GOD's Law given on Mount Sinai. Freedom from/Freedom for. Learn how a better understanding of Exodus can help us better understand the ministry of Jesus and our understanding of our Christian Faith.

**Father Leon is available at all times for any Spiritual needs, to call or meet with him personally, you're always welcomed. Reach him direct at (860) 748-4560.**

After a very successful Fair in 2018 we are going to start up our Wednesday workshops on February 6th! Time is from 9 a.m. to noon. We welcome everyone who would like to join us for coffee, conversation, and (yes) a bit of work. We want to stress that sewing ability is not necessary as there are many jobs that just require a willing heart to help, for example ironing, sorting buttons, jelly beans and M & Ms. We also wash jars, tea cups, and other everyday jobs so if you would like to come see what we do have a cup of coffee and visit us. You will be welcomed. Questions? Call Dorli at 649-6255, Beth at 649-1331, or Sharon at 646-1423. Looking forward to seeing you the 6th.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Last week's Offertory: January 27 — \$**  
**Projected Amount needed \$2,980**

*"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..."* (NEHEMIAH 8:10)  
 Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need without expecting anything in return.

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**Parish Membership Form**

Drop in collection ^

Please enroll the following as members of the Church of St. Maurice:

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We can help out as: Altar server \_\_\_\_\_ Lector \_\_\_\_\_ Usher \_\_\_\_\_ Eucharistic Minister \_\_\_\_\_ Choir \_\_\_\_\_ Crafts workshop \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH****ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE**

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line, especially the new requests for this week:

Zosia, Bozena, Mary, Viola, Olga, David, Kyle, Francis, Laurie, Joe.

Candle Intentions: Joshua, Keith, Christine, Molly.

Special prayers for Ruth Mensing who has died this past week and special prayers for her family.

For the Church: that we may recognize our calling to be daughters and sons of God who have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit and sent to share God's Good News with others.

For a spirit of understanding: that Christ will free us from narrow thinking and help us take on the mind of Christ so that we may see and understand God's vision for life.

That we balance our lives by enjoying the gifts we have been given and generously sharing with those in need, without expecting anything in return.

**Prayer shawls are available upon request**

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

**Save the date**

Saturday, March 23rd,  
after the 5:00 P.M. Mass  
in the Parish Center  
for a St. Patrick's Day  
celebration with live Irish music.

**STEUBENVILLE NYC- HIGH SCHOOL**

Join 3,000 teens from throughout the US for three days of fellowship, faith, the sacraments, and awesome music at Steubenville NYC on Friday July 19 – Sunday July 21. Begin your faith journey with a sendoff Mass with Bishop Cote at St. John's in Old Saybrook, put on your new Diocese of Norwich Steubenville NYC T-Shirt, and head out on the bus for an uplifting event of a lifetime! The event is open to 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades and the cost is \$365. \$80 deposit is needed by Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> to attend as this event gets sold out.

If you wish to attend, please email:

Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net)

A well-attended discussion was held on the book "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity" Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. The author reveals that the Biggest Lie is that "Holiness is not possible". An extension of that lie is that the culture has become so powerful that we are simply incapable of transforming it. The author refutes this, identifying it has been done before and that "If you get the man right, you get the world right." We should focus on where we can have the most impact, our own thoughts, words and actions. It all starts with you.

The plan involves each of us creating "Holy Moments" simple, thoughtful, loving, merciful actions each day. This is very aligned with St. Therese's "Little Way" and the "Lay Congregation" of St. Faustina's Diary (1154-1158).

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH****Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Love is patient, love is kind. Increase your love for one another by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 26-28, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT and Jul 12-14, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

With the coming flu season, it is time to revisit precautions undertaken for our Eucharistic Liturgies. These are temporary safety measures. We will restore normal liturgical practices once the risk has passed. The Sign of Peace and the distribution of the Precious Blood will be suspended until further notice. Holy Communion should only be distributed to non-ordained liturgical ministers and the faithful under the species of the Consecrated Host. Communicants should receive in their hands rather than on the tongue. The faithful should be encouraged not to hold hands during the Our Father. Clergy, Acolytes and Extraordinary Ministers should carefully wash their hands before and after Mass. It is recommended that Extraordinary Ministers be allowed to do so prior to the distribution of Holy Communion or at that time, hand sanitizer should be made available for them.

**Get More Out of Your Lenten Season: Enrollment Now OPEN...**

This Lent, grow in a deeper, more intimate relationship with God through our weekly Diocesan Lenten Videos. Break open the scriptures, delve into our Lenten traditions, enhance your prayer life and change/grow spiritually. Dedicate just two 2 minutes weekly to a video which will help enliven your Lenten season. All you have to do is send an initial text to enroll; you will then automatically receive the Lenten Video series. To enroll you, send a text – TO: 81010, Message: @lentvideo It will then ask you to reply with your name. Sign up now you won't be disappointed!!

**Celebrate Marriage** – It's not too early to begin thinking of Valentine's Day. Give your Valentine something special this year – the gift of your time. Come celebrate your marriage at a day-long enrichment that will renew your dreams, increase your passion and refresh and celebrate your marriage. This marriage enrichment aptly entitled, "Celebrate Marriage," will take place on **Saturday, February 16, 2019, from 9 A.M to 3 P.M. at St. Joseph Parish Hall, 99 Jackson St., Willimantic.** The cost is \$35 per couple, which includes workbooks and lunch. Registration is required. To register, call the Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306

The Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (NDCCW) is offering a \$500 Scholarship to four (4) graduating eighth grade girls who will be attending a Catholic High School in the fall of 2019. You can access the application on the website for the Diocese of Norwich ([norwichdiocese.org](http://norwichdiocese.org)). Completed applications must be received by April 15, 2019. Applications should be sent to NDCCW Scholarship Committee, c/o Judith Pappagallo, 79 Lafayette Street, Norwich, CT 06360, or submitted on line at [norwichdiocesancw@gmail.com](mailto:norwichdiocesancw@gmail.com). Deadline is April 15, 2019. Any questions, call Judy at 860-889-1617.





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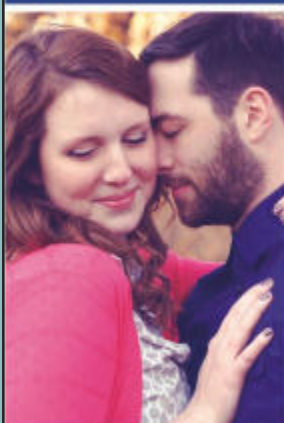
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